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GREETINGS,
DEAR READER.
ALLOW ME TO
INTRODUCE
MYSELF.

I AM CALLED
GRIM, THE REAPER.
AND SINCE *ORDER*
CAME TO THE UNIVERSE,
I'VE PLAYED A
CRUCIAL ROLE.

AMONG MY MYRIAD
RESPONSIBILITIES,
I AM AN OBSERVER
AND A CHRONICLER.
THAT IS WHY I CAME
TO YOU THIS EVENING.
TO TELL YOU A TALE
THAT'S AWESOME
TO CONTEMPLATE AND
DREADEFUL TO
BEHOLD.

HEE
HEE

HA
HA HA

ARE YOU TIRED
OF THE SAME OLD
STORY?

DO YOU
CRAVE THE
UNPREDICTABLE?

IS FEAR
YOUR FRIEND?

DO YOU
DESIRE THE
DARK?

IF YOUR
ANSWER IS YES,
THEN COME WITH
ME ON A JOURNEY
TO —

CHAOS!
COMICS

WHERE DARKNESS DWELLS!

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CHAOS! IS AN EVER-EXPANDING COSMOS WHERE EACH CHARACTER'S STORY - ALTHOUGH STANDING ON ITS OWN - REVEALS CLUES TO THE UNFOLDING GRAND SCHEME.

THERE IS ONE CHARACTER WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED THE VERY EPICENTER OF THE WORLDS OF CHAOS! - LADY DEATH!

Lady Death



ONCE SHE WAS HOPE, THE DAUGHTER OF MATTHIAS AND MARION. DUE TO HER FATHER'S TREACHERY, SHE RENOUNCED HER HUMANITY. CONDEMNED TO HELL, SHE BECAME ITS MASTER BY VANQUISHING THE FATHER OF LIES HIMSELF, LUCIFER. BUT LADY DEATH'S TALE HARDLY ENDS THERE, DEAR READER.

AN ODYSSEY REVEALED HER DESTINY: TO DECIDE THE OUTCOME OF THE JUDGMENT ERA, ON WHOSE SIDE WILL SHE RIGHT? NO ONE KNOWS.

PERHAPS HER NEW STORY, THE CRUCIBLE, WILL PROVIDE CLUES. ONE THING IS SURE, THE CRUCIBLE REVEALS ASPECTS OF LADY DEATH'S HERITAGE NO ONE SUSPECTED!

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED!

Evil Ernie



HOW ABOUT THE EVER AMBITIOUS EVIL ERNIE?

THIS UNDEAD TEENAGE PSYCHOTIC WAS BROUGHT TO "LIFE" BY SCIENTIFIC MACHINATIONS AND SUPERNATURAL TAMPERING. HIS RESURRECTION HAD A HORRIFIC SIDE EFFECT: HE RE-ANIMATES AND CONTROLS THE DEAD! THANKS TO LADY DEATH AND THE ABUSE HEARD UPON HIM BY HIS PARENTS, EVIL HAS A MISSION OF MEGADEATH: THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF ALL LIFE ON EARTH!

IN THE UPCOMING QUEST FOR NUKES, EVIL INTENDS TO UNLEASH A NUCLEAR APOCALYPSE ON AMERICA. BUT MANY POWERFUL OPPONENTS, HUMAN AND UNEARTHLY, STAND IN HIS WAY. CHASTITY, THE VAMPIRE ASSASSIN RETURNS AS WELL. HMMMMMMMMMM.

Purgatori

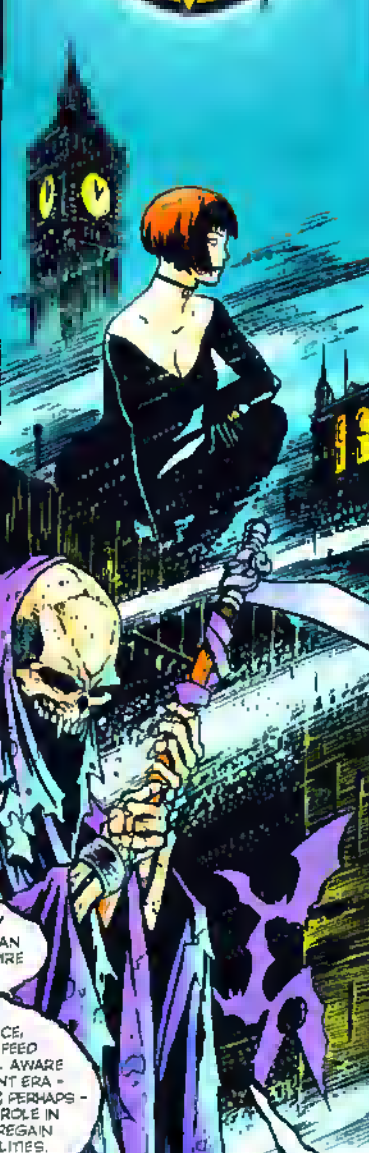


PURGATORI IS A FORMER EGYPTIAN SLAVE TURNED VAMPIRE DEMONESS.

NOT LONG AGO, SHE FELL FROM GRACE, AND WAS FORCED TO FEED ON MORTAL BLOOD. WELL AWARE OF THE COMING JUDGMENT ERA - A SIGNAL OF ARMAGEDDON, PERHAPS - SHE WILL PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN IT. BUT FIRST SHE MUST REGAIN HER MUCH VAUNTED ABILITIES. HER ONLY HOPE LIES IN HER PAINFUL PAST.

HER FUTURE? IT'S LINKED WITH THE CELTIC VAMPIRE, RATH, THE TREACHEROUS "INVISIBLE CITY" OF VAMPIRES AND THE NEXUS, A GATEWAY TO INFINITY.

Chastity



WHAT OF CHASTITY?

HERE'S A HINT: SET IN LATE 1976, CHASTITY, "THEATRE OF PAIN" FOLLOWS THE MISADVENTURES OF A POOR, BARELY EDUCATED TEENAGER FROM TOLEDO, OHIO WHO DREAMS OF ATTENDING THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE ACADEMY IN ENGLAND.

INSTEAD, SHE IS SWEEPED UP INTO THE BURGEONING PUNK ROCK SCENE, BECOMES A VAMPIRE WITH VERY UNIQUE ABILITIES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY LIVES A DOUBLE LIFE AS A GLOBE HOPPING ASSASSIN FOR A CABAL OF MEGA-RICH, JET SETTING VAMPIRES AND WEREWOLVES.

Cremator



CREMATOR IS THE EX-BLACKSMITH TO THE ARCHDUKES OF HELL AND ONE OF LADY DEATH'S MOST TRUSTED ALLIES.

HE WAS A SCULPTOR DURING MEDIEVAL TIMES, BUT CONDEMNED TO HELL BY MATTHIAS. HE FELL UNDER THE TYRANNY OF THE DEMON LORD CYR. LEARNING THAT SCULPTING WAS HIS LIFE, CYR DENIED HIM THE USE OF HIS HANDS BY MAKING THEM FOREVER BURN. BUT CREMATOR CROSSED HIM AND LEARNED TO USE HIS FIERY FISTS AS WEAPONS!

RECENTLY, CREMATOR HAS LEFT THE HELL-CITY DYS BEHIND AND WANDERS THE ENDLESS BLACKLANDS IN SEARCH OF HIS DESTINY.

AND NOW, DEAR READER,
AS YOU GAZE INTO THE ALTER, BEHOLD
THE CHAOS! TO COME!

SUSPIRIA!

MEET THE O-MEN:

THEY'RE A RAGTAG GROUP
OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS,
GANG BANGERS, OUT-PATIENTS
AND LONERS WHO HAPPEN TO POSSESS
FRIGHTENING SUPERNATURAL ABILITIES
THAT MAKE THEM MORE THAN MORTAL.

AS AMERICA EXPERIENCES
A DRASTIC RISE IN SUPERNATURAL
ACTIVITY, THE PREJUDICE AGAINST THEM
MOUNTS. CAN THE O-MEN PUT ASIDE THEIR
VAST DIFFERENCES AND STICK TOGETHER
OR WILL THIS MULTICULTURAL PRESSURE
COOKER EXPLODE? WORSE STILL, WILL
THEY SUCCEED TO THE NEFARIOUS
AND SEDUCTIVE COVEN?

BEDLAM --
IS AN ENIGMA.

SIGNS OF HIS PRESENCE
CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT
RECORDED HISTORY, HOWEVER HE
WAS BORN IN 1976 ON THE
HOPI INDIAN RESERVATION

HER ACTUAL
NAME IS FELICIA CHAVEZ
AND SHE IS A WITCH, ETERNALLY BOUND
TO THE DEMON, GLAZBOLAZ, MASTER OF DARK
ARTS AND SCIENCES. SET IN THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST,
AND DRAWING UPON THE RICH MYTHOLOGY OF MEXICO,
SUSPIRIA: THE GREAT WORKING IS THE STORY OF A
WOMAN CHOSEN BY THE LIGHT, FIGHTING
TO OVERCOME THE DARKNESS
WITHIN HER

IF SHE FAILS, SHE FALLS
PREY TO EPITAPH, LADY DEATH'S
FIRST CHOSEN HERALD
OF MEGADEATH.

LATER, HE UNEARTHED
THE ANCIENT TOTEM OF CHAOS!
AND UNLEASHED GREAT EVIL. BRANDED
BY AN ANCIENT TALISMAN WITHIN
AND LINKED WITH THE INFINITY GATEWAY -
THE NEXUS - HE IS SENTENCED
TO WANDER TIME AND DESTROY THE
GREAT EVIL HE UNLEASHED!

I DID SAY
UNPREDICTABLE,
DID I NOT?

BEFORE I LEAVE, DEAR
READER, REMEMBER:

THERE ARE WORLDS
UNDREAMT OF BY
THE MINDS OF MAN.

THESE SPHERES ARE
AWESOME TO CONTEMPLATE
AND DREADFUL TO BEHOLD.

THEY ARE BEYOND
THE FARTHEST REACHES OF
HUMAN WISDOM, WHERE THE
CONCEPTS OF TIME, SPACE, ENERGY,
KNOWLEDGE AND EVEN LIFE
HAVE NEW MEANING.

THEY ARE THE PLACES
WHERE DARKNESS DWELLS --
THE REALMS KNOWN AS THE
WORLDS OF CHAOS!

CHAOS!
COMICS

AVAILABLE AT COOL
COMIC BOOK SPECIALTY
SHOPS EVERYWHERE!

ASK
FOR 'EM!

THE END



LOVELY. EVERYTHING'S
IN PLACE FOR A COOL
HALLOWEEN NIGHT. AFTER
THE PARTY, WE'RE GOING
TO GO OUT AND
PEOPLE WATCH.

IT'S ONE OF MY
FAVORITE THINGS
TO DO. SORT OF
A TRADITION.

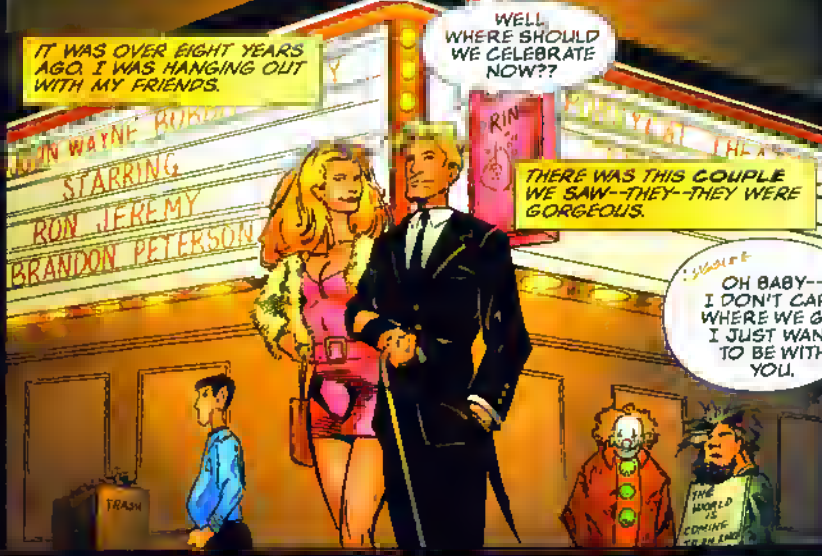
SEEING WHAT PEOPLE
ARE WEARING, HOW THEY
ACT WHEN THEY'RE IN
COSTUME AND NO ONE
CAN SEE THEIR FACE

IT'S AMAZING WHAT
PEOPLE'LL DO WHEN
THEIR APPEARANCE
IS CONCEALED

PROBABLY ONE OF THE
REASONS IT'S BECOME
ALMOST CUSTOMARY
TO COMMIT CRIME AND
MAYHEM AGAINST THE
INNOCENT.

"SIGH:
YOU KNOW, IT
WAS HALLOWEEN
THAT FIRST
MADE ME WANT
TO BECOME
A COP.

I HAVEN'T TOLD
THIS TO TOO MANY
PEOPLE, BUT SINCE
YOU'RE HERE...

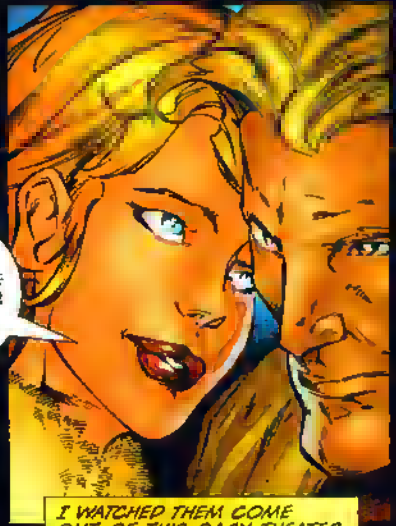


IT WAS OVER EIGHT YEARS AGO. I WAS HANGING OUT WITH MY FRIENDS.

WELL, WHERE SHOULD WE CELEBRATE NOW??

THERE WAS THIS COUPLE WE SAW--THEY WERE GORGEOUS.

OH BABY-- I DON'T CARE WHERE WE GO. I JUST WANT TO BE WITH YOU.



I WATCHED THEM COME OUT OF THIS RACY THEATER, HEEDLESS AS THE KIDS ON THE STREET HECKLED THEM.



EVEN MY FRIENDS HAD A GO AT IT.

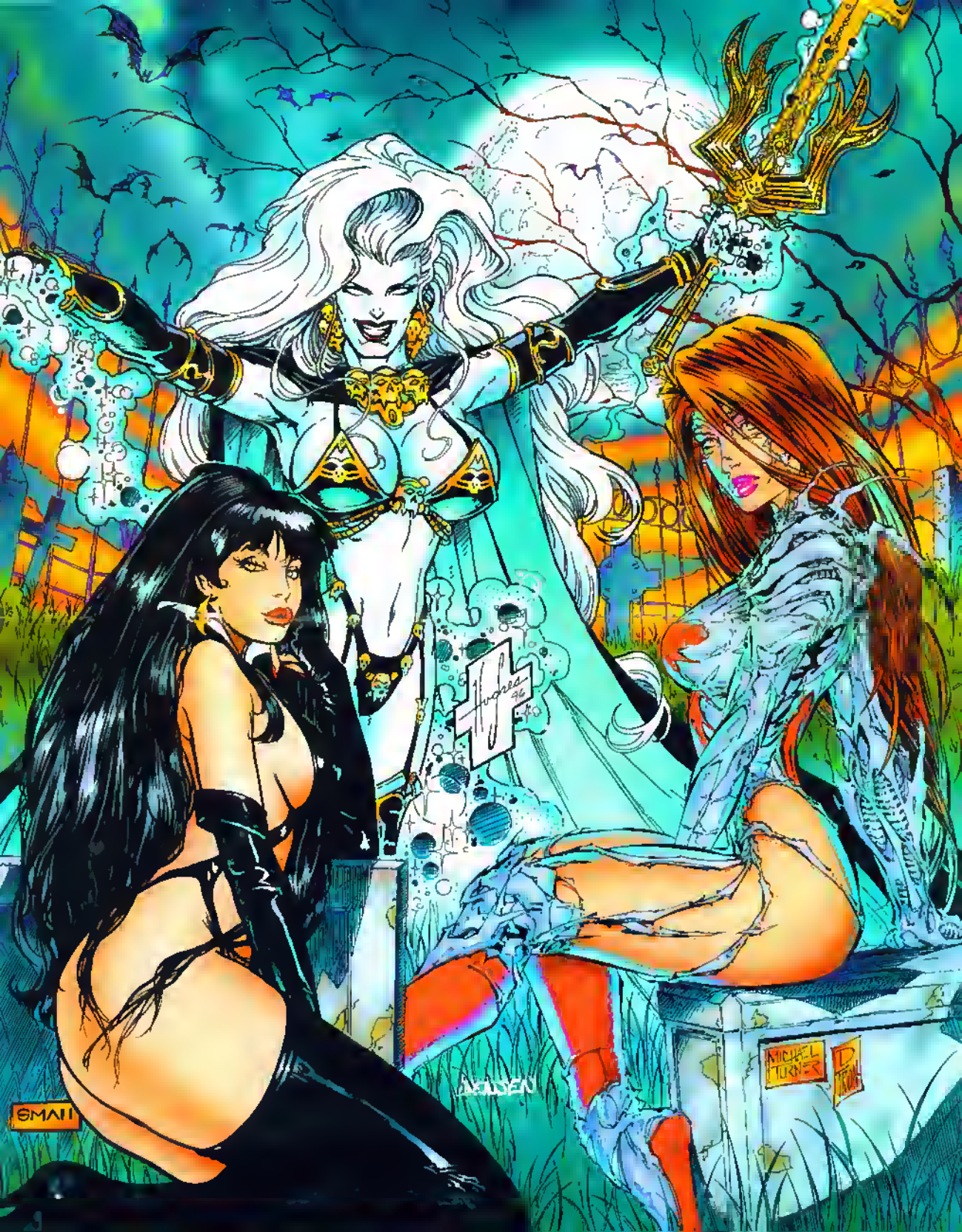
WONDER IF THAT GUY'S WIFE KNOWS WHAT HE'S UP TO.



FROM OUTSIDE, THEY LOOKED LIKE THE TYPICAL ILLICIT DUO: MARRIED BUSINESSMAN (HE HAD A RING ON) ARM IN ARM WITH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WHO DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HIS WIFE.



I LEFT MY FRIENDS TO GO HOME AND STUDY, BUT...



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I HEARD THE SHOT--
AND WHAT I SAW
CHANGED MY LIFE
FOREVER.

I RAN TO THE ALLEY
AND WITNESSED THEM--THE
COUPLE--BEING ASSAULTED.
IT HAPPENED SO FAST BUT
I REMEMBER EVERY WORD
THAT WAS SAID:



ANNIVERSARY?!?
DAMN JACK!

YOU SAID IT
WAS JUST A HOOKER
AND HER STUPID CLIENT!
YOU KILLED THIS GUY'S
WIFE, MAN--ON THEIR
ANNIVERSARY! YOU
KNOW THE RULES...

AND THEN IT HIT ME:
THE IDEA THAT IN A CRIMINAL'S
MIND, SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE
WORTH OFFING THAN OTHERS.

AND THE FACT THAT I, TOO,
HAD JUDGED THEM PURELY ON
APPEARANCE--MADE ME SICK.



HEY MAN,
I SAID, GET YER
BUTT OUTTA
HERE!

I-I
WON'T LEAVE--
NOT WITHOUT
HER.



ALL LIFE IS
PRECIOUS.
DOESN'T
MATTER WHO
YOU ARE

SHE'S
DEAD MAN!
AND SO ARE
YOU...



I COULDN'T BELIEVE
WHAT I HAD SEEN.

AND I KNEW THEN
THAT I WOULD DO
EVERYTHING IN MY
POWER TO PREVENT
ANYTHING LIKE THAT
FROM HAPPENING
EVER AGAIN.



OKAY, GUY,
GIMME YOUR WALLET
AND LEAVE! OR
YOU'RE GONNA BE
LYING WIT' HER!

OH NATALIE,
I SOB MY BEAUTIFUL
WIFE--IT'S OK. I
PROMISE, I'LL CALL
WORK IN THE
MORNING AND TELL
THEM--

SHE'S
DEAD
YOU
IDIOT!

--I SOB OUR
ANNIVERSARY PARTY
RAN A LITTLE LATE...
--I SOB--

WELL, THE COPS GOT THE GUYS AND I TESTIFIED AS A WITNESS. THE SHOOTER'S STILL DOING HEAVY TIME FOR DOUBLE HOMICIDE.

SORT OF LIKE MY OWN LITTLE "NEW YEAR" TO GET MY BUTT IN GEAR AND RENEW MY GOAL TO GET SCUM OFF THE STREETS.

I'M PART OF THE SOLUTION. AND IT'S EVERY YEAR AROUND THIS TIME THAT I GET REMINDED OF THAT INCIDENT.

BZZZZ!

AH! TIME TO GET THE PARTY ROLLIN'!

JAKE SAID HE'S GONNA COME DRESSED AS IAN NOTTINGHAM. BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY...

BE SAFE, HAVE A BLAST AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

SHE HAD DIED. THE VOID
EMBRACED HER. BLACKNESS.
"IS THIS IT?" SHE THOUGHT,
"FOR ALL ETERNITY?"

AND THEN
SHE AWOKE.

UH!

HELLO,
VAMPIRELLA.

THAT VOICE.
IT CAN'T BE!

ADAM!

I THOUGHT YOU DIED.

WHERE
AM I?

TAKE A LOOK...

I DID.



...YOU'RE HOME.

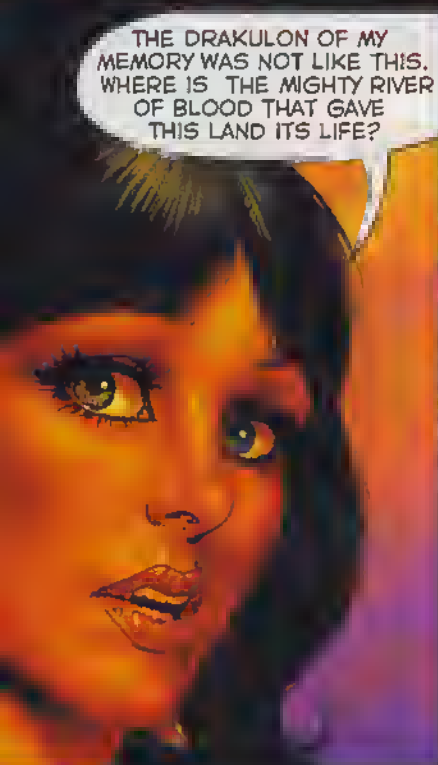


THIS IS
DRAKULON.

AND THIS
IS HELL.

ONE AND THE SAME.
DRAKULON, THE WORLD
YOU KNEW, IS AN
AREA OF HELL.

AND YOUR MOTHER
LILITH IS ITS RULER.



THE DRAKULON OF MY
MEMORY WAS NOT LIKE THIS.
WHERE IS THE MIGHTY RIVER
OF BLOOD THAT GAVE
THIS LAND ITS LIFE?



EVERYTHING IS SO DRY.
SO OLD AND BROKEN.

THE LAND IS
DYING, VAMPIRELLA.

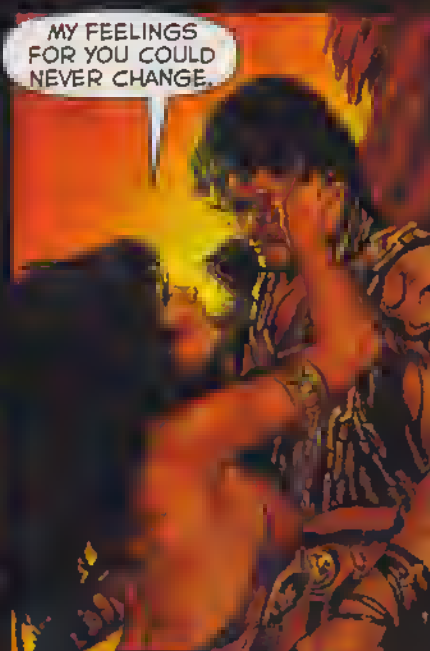
DRAKULON DYING?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.



AND WHY ARE YOU HERE,
ADAM? IN DRAKULON?
IN HELL?

I CAN EXPLAIN,
THOUGH I'M FEARFUL
OF DOING SO.

IT MAY CHANGE HOW
YOU SEE ME. IT MAY CHANGE
HOW YOU FEEL.



MY FEELINGS
FOR YOU COULD
NEVER CHANGE.



-SIGH-

ALL RIGHT,
THEN LET'S TAKE
A MOMENT TO--
OH NO!

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